

Security Information
Official Diary

11 May 1953

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1. (Continuation of Item 8, 4-9 May Diary) Conferred with DCI, DD/A and [redacted] on the proper exemption for CIA. DCI took strong view against whole proposition and, despite pleas of Security people that CIA should accommodate itself to procedures acceptable to other Agencies, said that he would press for the full exemption so that we could talk to [redacted] without requiring the dossier. I, therefore, had a file copy of my revision of the ICIS agreed exception letter run off and presented it to [redacted] personally. He queried the need of the Overt need of CIA to such an exemption, but mentioned agreement to my arguments along the lines of those presented by DCI. After lunch, he informed me that the President, recognizing the needs of Special Intelligence, had agreed to sign a letter in the form of the draft I submitted. Later in the day, so informed DCI and showed him the letter which he read carefully and approved.

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2. At the request of [redacted] conferred with him and [redacted] the new Deputy Director of Mutual Security, on the Battle Act in the latter's office:

a. Agreed to expedite the setting-up of a "Current" Desk in O/RR.

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b. To permit [redacted] O/RR, to transfer to DMS with all clearances, to act as intelligence officer and coordinator of all intelligence.

c. Agreed, as a matter of principle, that the IWG was not very effective because of a lack of contributions by the Service members and that, therefore, intelligence support to the Battle Act operation would be essentially a CIA function.

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d. Agreed that the forthcoming trip of [redacted] should consider particularly the need for field liaison so that intelligence could be acted upon promptly by the Economic Division Offices in the various Embassies.

e. In view of the unlikelihood of procuring agreement from our allies to add to current lists, it was necessary to concentrate on bolstering the effectiveness of presently agreed controls, e.g., the current wide-spread failure of the Italian ICDV system should be pursued progressively and strong recommendations made to the Italian government.

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3. Conferred with DCI, DDCI and representatives of the [redacted] on current deficiencies in intelligence. Agreed that [redacted] would prepare a highly specific paper for Deputy Secretary Kyes, and that we should be given a draft of it to comment on for submission.

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4. Conferred with DCI, DDCI, Acting AD/NE, [redacted] DD/P, and [redacted] on support by the Operational Offices for National Estimates. Agreed on a procedure as specified in paper submitted by [redacted] dated 11 May. Point of contact designated [redacted] Further agreed that DD/I would be responsible for briefing DCI on the principal conclusions to draft national estimates at the time same were transmitted to the IAC Agencies, so that DCI's personal views could be brought to the attention of the Board prior to the first IAC Agency meeting.

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5. Spoke [redacted] on need of tabling DNI [redacted] photographs. Other [redacted] that [redacted] This was being done to save [redacted]

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